

Bellevue Essentials

Civic Leadership Class

Bellevue Essentials, which launches on September 25 has generated a buzz in the community. Initial response to the application process has been strong, with incoming applications reflecting the age, ethnic and geographic diversity of our community. If you live or work in Bellevue and want to study the nuts and bolts of city government with thirty like-minded, dynamic individuals, be sure to get your application in soon.

Through Bellevue Essentials, you will gain historical perspective, discover the treasures of Bellevue parks and neighborhoods, work through case studies and mock meetings and meet today's civic leaders. You'll exit with a unique understanding of what makes Bellevue tick as well as some new skills to help you become civically engaged in the City or the broader community. If this 8 week class sounds like a fit for you, contact Julie Ellenhorn at jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov for an informational flyer and one page application, due August 1st.



Hopelink Food Drive — End Summer Hunger

Consider the statistics; 21% or 3,554 students in the Hopelink Service area participating in the Free and Reduced Price Lunch Programs were from the Bellevue School District. So what exactly happens during the summer months for these children when the school year officially ends? Many of these students and soon to be kindergarteners are involved in summer learning programs and participate in feeding programs such as those offered through Lake Hills and Stevenson Elementary. <http://www.bsd405.org/about-us/departments/nutrition-services.aspx> Therefore, the

need for non-perishable nutritious breakfast and lunch items, such as peanut butter, legumes, cereal, and healthy snacks continues to remain high during the summer months.

In Neighborhood Outreach, we encourage residents through our Neighbor Link program to connect with neighbors, celebrate success, but also to strengthen neighborhood fabric, by combining community building with a food drive. So often when invited to a gathering, we ask “what can I bring?” What if every family that attended a neighborhood event, took in addition to a pot-luck dish, a box of cereal, jar of peanut butter or canned fruit as a donation? How many children might those donations feed? Consider organizing and hold a food drive as a neighborhood between now and July 21st. For those Bellevue communities planning July events and adding to the festivities of your event, register a food drive with Outreach and we will provide you with four Seattle Mariners vs. Minnesota Twins tickets, for the Saturday July 27th afternoon game (while supplies last). Additional game program highlights include a presentation of new and gently used baseball equipment to the Baseball Tomorrow Fund and also tribute paid to Bruce Lee, famed martial artist. Contact Carol Ross, cross@bellevuewa.gov for more information about Neighbor Link.

Get Involved with Downtown Livability

Open Houses and Focus Groups on July 9 & July 10

The City recently kicked off an initiative called “Downtown Livability”. It’s an important effort that includes a targeted review of specific regulations that guide Downtown development and land use activity. The objectives are to: better achieve the vision for Downtown as a vibrant, mixed-use center; enhance the pedestrian environment; improve the



area as a residential setting; enhance the identity and character of Downtown neighborhoods; and incorporate elements from the Downtown Transportation Plan Update and the East Link light rail design work currently underway.

Downtown Bellevue is important to the entire City. It is where a majority of our planned growth is expected to occur from a residential and jobs standpoint. It is where we have a growing number of restaurants, retail uses, and others attractions that add to the quality of life for Bellevue residents. Downtown Bellevue is also a major component of our tax base; and helps contribute to the services we have throughout the City. As the City readies itself for the coming development cycles, this will be the most extensive Code update since the adoption of the original Downtown Land Use Code in 1981.

Council has appointed a 15-member advisory committee to help guide this effort. It is comprised of members from several boards and commissions and other appointed community representatives. Meetings are open to the public and generally held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Bellevue City Hall. The next meeting is July 17; no meeting is planned for August.

The Downtown Livability Initiative team is reaching out to a variety of stakeholders throughout the project while both reinforcing, and establishing new, long-term relationships with the community. This includes residents from throughout the City in addition to Downtown and nearby residents, property owners and developers, business groups and organizations, the Downtown workforce, and other users of Downtown.

Public outreach has included initial Open Houses and Focus Groups in November 2012 and March 2013, as well as walking tours of Downtown this past Spring. Another round of Open Houses and Focus Groups are scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 5-7 pm and Wednesday, July 10, 8-10 am in room 1E-108 at City Hall. Residents from around the City are encouraged to attend. An RSVP is appreciated to jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov.

The project's citizen advisory committee is seeking input on the draft audit reports of the existing Land Use Code, including specific suggestions for improvement from the community.

The topics include:

- Building height and form
- Amenities
- Design guidelines
- Pedestrian corridor and open spaces
- Vision for the OLB (along I-405) district
- Light rail interface
- Downtown parking
- Other items such as vacant building sites, mechanical equipment, recycling and solid waste, vendor carts, and permitted uses

Copies of the draft audits are available at Service First at City Hall, local library branches, Mini City Hall, and on line at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability-engagement.htm>

If you have questions, please contact project managers Patti Wilma, pwilma@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4114 or Emil King, eaking@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-7223.

Fireworks, 4th of July and Traffic Changes

Festivities for the 4th are being planned everywhere! While family barbeques, neighborhood gatherings, and perhaps boating on Lake Washington may be the order of the day, many love to gather with their blankets and tent chairs for the evening fireworks. Symetra Bellevue's Family 4th is the Eastside's largest fireworks celebration (2 to

10:30 p.m. at Bellevue Downtown Park). Family activities include jugglers, picnic games, food vendors and live entertainment on the main stage. The fireworks display begins at 10:05 p.m. and will be accompanied by a live performance of the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Complimentary event parking is offered after 6 p.m. at The Bellevue Collection (Bellevue Square, Lincoln Square and Bellevue Place). Limited parking is also available at the visitor's lot at City Hall (450 110th Ave. NE). Please note that dogs and other pets are not allowed in the park after 2 p.m. for this event. In addition, grills, barbecues, camp stoves and other cooking devices are prohibited; and tents, shelters, canopies or other types of shelters are prohibited after 8 p.m. Before the fireworks, at approximately 9:45 p.m., some streets near Downtown Park will be closed to vehicle traffic: Northeast Fourth Street, from 100th Avenue to Bellevue Way; and 100th Avenue Northeast, between Northeast First to Northeast Fifth Streets. After the fireworks, the following road restrictions will be put in place to help clear traffic leaving downtown:



- Right turns will be prohibited from 100th Avenue Northeast to Northeast Eighth Street; drivers may turn right on Northeast 10th Street.
- Right turns will be prohibited from eastbound Northeast 10th Street to all side streets between 100th Avenue and Interstate 405. Access to I-405 from 10th will be via 116th Avenue Northeast and south to Northeast Eighth Street.
- Left turns will be prohibited from southbound Bellevue Way to eastbound Northeast Fourth Street. Drivers headed to I-90 or I-405 may continue south on Bellevue Way.

- Various other lane closures and turn restrictions, as needed, to move traffic quickly out of the downtown core.
- When traffic volume decreases, roads will reopen and turn restrictions will be lifted.

The key ingredients to enjoying the fireworks, weather aside, are the spectacular large displays, the “oohs and ahhs” of the crowd, and the safety around a professionally staged event. Please let's remember that it is illegal to discharge and sell fireworks in Bellevue. Bellevue's police and fire departments will be increasingly visible to keep this day safe and enjoyable for all. For more information, see event details here <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/10641.htm> or see the event calendar <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/cobcalendar/default.aspx>

Open House for Transportation Projects

An open house is scheduled this month to seek input from the public about two transportation projects. Your input will help the City to better understand your concerns and preferences in the selection of the alternative that moves forward to design.

124th Avenue NE & 130th Avenue NE Improvements

*Wednesday, July 31, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Three Cedars Waldorf School, 556 124th Avenue NE*

124th Avenue NE, between Bel-Red Road to NE 14th Street widening project will result in five traffic lanes with bike lanes, sidewalk, and landscaping. Project Manager: Marina Arakelyan 425-452-4632, or Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov.

130th Avenue NE, between Bel-Red Road and NE 20th Street: the Bel-Red Subarea Plan envisions this area to be a retail “main street” serving a high density residential neighborhood with smaller scale retail lining both sides of the street. The design will be pedestrian-oriented with on-street parking and bicycle facilities. It will include a three-lane



roadway south of a future NE 16th Street signalized intersection and a two-lane arterial with on-street parking and bike lanes to the north of NE 16th Street. Other improvements include sidewalks, landscape strips, and street lighting. Implementation strategies will be evaluated and will most likely occur in conjunction with Sound Transit's East Link Extension and other redevelopment by the private sector. Project Manager: Steve Costa 425-254-2845, or Scosta@bellevuewa.gov.

Coping with the Construction of 120th Avenue NE

Recently, the City has started to receive emails and phone calls about increased traffic on 124th Avenue NE and on NE 5th Street. We know that it is because drivers need to find another route northbound or southbound if they do not want to encounter the traffic delays due to the 120th Avenue NE project between NE 4th Street and NE 8th Street. Transportation staff is looking into ways that can help improve the situation:



- Placing signs suggesting alternate routes for through traffic and preserve local and business access. These signs will clearly indicate that businesses along 120th Avenue NE are open during construction.

- Reviewing the Traffic Management Plan for ways to minimize traffic delays along 120th Avenue NE during construction hours.
- Working with our contractor to review their construction schedules and consider the possibility of night work for specific construction activities to help minimize heavy traffic period congestion.
- One alternate route would be NE 8th Street and 116th Avenue NE.

With this construction project continuing until the end of the year, and a couple of non-city projects ramping up, we know that there is potential for continued traffic congestion and delay. Our construction crew will do everything they can to make the situation more bearable. Keep in mind, safety is always our first priority. We hear your concerns and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue improving the 120th Avenue NE corridor. If you use 120th Avenue NE, please plan for congestion. Drivers are encouraged to plan ahead, use alternate routes, or defer or delay trips during construction. Lastly, if you use 124th Avenue NE, the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour and is frequently used by families with school-age children, especially now that the school year has ended. For more information, please contact: Steve Costa, Project Manager, 425-452-2845 or scosta@bellevuewa.gov Carl Haslam, Construction Operations Manager, 425-452-6937 or chaslam@bellevuewa.gov Melisa Floyd, Construction Inspector, 425-452-4276 or mfloyd@bellevuewa.gov

To stay informed about traffic impacts and the 120th Avenue NE project, please refer to:

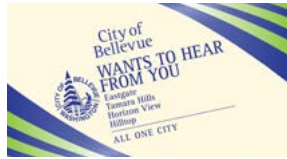
- Bellevue's Real Time Traffic Map at www.bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap/.
- Traffic Advisories at www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm.
- Follow the Transportation Department on Twitter, @BvueTrans.
- The 120th Avenue NE webpage at: www.bellevuewa.gov/120th-widening.htm.

New Resident Survey & South Bellevue Community Meeting

July 18th 7–8:30, South Bellevue Community Center

Perhaps you've already seen the recent article in the June 2013 edition of "It's Your City, New Residents note benefits year after annexation". The article included an open invitation to Bellevue's newest residents to contact Neighborhood Outreach any time there was a question, suggestion or concern about residential life in Bellevue. Not only are we responding to your calls to our Outreach line, we are providing an additional opportunity to hear from Bellevue's newest residents in the form of a neighborhood survey. The information collected in the survey is intended to identify community assets and connect residents to city information and services. Your responses will also help prioritize our outreach efforts, facilitate resident connection and share program information that strengthens community and develops leaders. The survey responses along with direct feedback being provided by residents, will be used to inform a wider community meeting for all South Bellevue residents wishing to attend, on July 18th, 7-8:30 p.m., at the South Bellevue Community Center. Representatives from various city departments will be present to answer questions and share information. Please contact Carol Ross if you have any questions or need more information.

Please view event flyer at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Neighborhoods/m11079-SBCC_Comm_Meeting02.pdf or contact Carol Ross 425-452-7917 cross@bellevuewa.gov if you have any questions or need more information.



New Website to Showcase Sustainable Living

GreenWA.org, a sustainability website sponsored by the City of Bellevue and regional partners is launched to help residents locate environmental resources in the community and to encourage healthy living on the Eastside.

From learning how to produce clean energy at your home, to driving cars without gas, finding local farmers markets, green building, map your favorite tree, recycle your used cooking oil or learning the right time to visit local streams to see them full of fish - You can do it all at GreenWA.org! Users of GreenWA can use a tablet device, smart phone or personal computer to navigate the site's many features.

July Meetings

(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the city web pages listed below to download agendas.)

7/1 City Council (6:00 p.m. Study Session, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Management Program, Medical Marijuana Update, Cultural Compass Update (8:00 Regular Session, Council Chambers) Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation, Consent Calendar, Eastside Rail Corridor Advisory Council
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/2 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113)
Agenda to be determined
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

7/2 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Agenda to be determined
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

7/2 Arts Commission (4:30, 1E-109) Cultural Compass Update; cultural demographic survey update; Comprehensive Plan update
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

7/4 Independence Day – All City offices closed

7/8 City Council Extended Study Session (6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Council Conference Room) East Link – Station Area Planning for Downtown Station, 2013 Site-specific CPA Threshold Review Recommendations
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/9 Downtown Livability – Open House and Focus Group Sessions 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., City Hall Concourse and breakouts – 1E-109, 1E-111, 1E-118, 1E-119, 1E-121. Review of draft audits of Land Use Code elements under consideration for future revisions
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

7/9 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, 1E-112)
Agenda to be determined
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

7/10 Downtown Livability – Open House and Focus Group Sessions 8:00 – 10:00 a.m., City Hall Concourse and breakouts – 1E-109, 1E-110, 1E-111, 1E-119. Review of draft audits of Land Use Code elements under consideration for future revisions
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

7/10 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Comprehensive Plan update 2013 Comprehensive Plan amendments study session
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

7/11 Environmental Services Commission (5:30, Meet ServiceFirst City Hall for CIP Tour – Return to City Hall for 7:15 p.m. Regular Meeting, 1E-113) 5:30-7:00 CIP Tour, Regular meeting – City Comprehensive Plan Update.
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/envIRON_serv_comm.htm

7/11 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30-10:30am, 1E-120) Bellevue Botanical Garden Construction Update & Mobility Discussion and Committee Reports
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

7/15 City Council (6:00 p.m. Study Session, Council Conference Room) Environmental Stewardship Update, Budget Status Update (8:00 Regular Session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/16 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113)
Agenda to be determined
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

7/17 Downtown Livability Meeting (6:30 – 9:00 p.m. City Hall 1E-108) Review of draft audits of Land Use Code elements under consideration for future revisions
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

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